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SUBJECT: US-USSR ARMS CONTROL WORKING GROUP ON RW/MDW,  
FIFTH ROUND, EIGHTH MEETING, AUGUST 30, 1978

RW MESSAGE NO.12

REFS: (A) STATE 219913; (B) GENEVA 12947; (C) GENEVA 12934

1. EIGHTH MEETING OF ROUND FIVE OF US-USSR WORKING  
GROUP ON RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AND NEW WEAPONS OF MASS  
DESTRUCTION WAS HELD AT US MISSION ON AUGUST 30.

2. AMB FISHER OPENED SESSION BY STATING US DEL WAS  
PLEASED WITH SOVIET CONCLUSION THAT OUR RESPECTIVE  
POSITIONS ON ELEMENTS 1, 4, AND 5 WERE QUITE CLOSE  
(REF B). TURNING TO ELEMENT 2, PARA 1, AMB FISHER STATED  
THAT WHILE THE US PREFERRED THE FORMULATION "EQUIPMENT  
OR DEVICE", OUR REASONS WERE PRIMARILY STYLISTIC AND THAT  
WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO INCLUDE THE WORD "WEAPON" (REF A).  
PARA 1, ELEMENT 2 WOULD THEN BEGIN AS FOLLOWS: "FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF THIS CONVENTION, THE TERM "RADIOLOGICAL  
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WEAPON" MEANS (1) ANY WEAPON, EQUIPMENT OR DEVICE, OTHER  
THAN A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE..." AMB FISHER THEN  
RESPONDED TO QUESTION BY LIKHATCHEV (HEAD OF SOV DEL) ON  
AUGUST 24 (REF B) AS TO WHETHER US PROPOSED PHRASE  
"DELIVER OR DISSEMINATE" MEANT THAT BOTH CHARACTERISTICS  
NEED NOT BE PRESENT AT SAME TIME. FISHER STATED SOV  
UNDERSTANDING WAS CORRECT, I.E., A DEVICE WOULD QUALIFY

UNDER PARA 1, ELEMENT 2, IF IT WERE CAPABLE EITHER OF DELIVERING OR DISSEMINATING, AND ADDED THAT THIS INTERPRETATION WOULD APPLY TO MATERIAL UNDER PARA 2, ELEMENT 2 AS WELL. WITH RESPECT TO US ELEMENT 3, AMB FISHER -- ALSO IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET QUESTION ON AUGUST 24 -- OBSERVED THAT US DID NOT PROPOSE TO PROHIBIT UNPREMEDITATED USE RESULTING FROM ACCIDENT, CARELESS HANDLING, OR MISHAP. HE EXPLAINED AGAIN THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS ELEMENT WAS TO EXTEND COVERAGE TO WASTE MATERIAL FROM REACTORS USED OR DESIGNED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, SUCH AS A POWER REACTOR OPERATED BY THE MILITARY.

3. AMB LIKHATCHEV RESPONDED THAT SOV DEL WOULD STUDY US STATEMENT WITH CARE AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH US WILLINGNESS TO INCLUDE "WEAPON" IN PARA 1, ARTICLE II. HE THANKED FISHER FOR CLARIFICATIONS ON ARTICLE III, ESPECIALLY THAT DEALING WITH DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL FROM "NON-PEACEFUL" REACTORS. LIKHATCHEV STATED THESE CONSIDERATIONS REQUIRED ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION WHICH MIGHT TAKE QUITE SOME TIME. (SUBSEQUENTLY, ALTERNATE HEAD OF US DEL (AKALOVSKY) WAS TOLD PRIVATELY BY HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART (NAZARKIN) THAT LIKHATCHEV'S COMMENT MEANT SOV DEL WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO REPLY TO US POSITION ON ELEMENT 3 DURING THE CURRENT ROUND. NAZARKIN ADDED THAT FOR THAT REASON, AND ALSO BECAUSE SOV DEL WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO DISCUSS VERIFICATION UNTIL FIRST CONFIDENTIAL

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FIVE ARTICLES HAD BEEN AGREED, THE CURRENT ROUND COULD BE REGARDED AS HAVING ENDED FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES.)

4. DELEGATIONS AGREED TO CONSULT AGAIN BEFORE SCHEDULING NEXT PLENARY MEETING.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF COMMENTS BY LIKHATCHEV AND NAZARKIN CITED IN PARA 3 ABOVE, IT WOULD SEEM USEFUL TO EXPEDITE SOVIET STUDY OF US POSITION ON ELEMENT 3 BY PROVIDING SOV DEL WITH A FORMULATION STATING MORE CLEARLY THE INTENDED SCOPE OF THAT ELEMENT. REQUEST, THEREFORE, EARLY RESPONSE TO US DEL SUGGESTION CONTAINED REF C. VANDEN HEUVEL

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